(c) the average annual amount spent/being spent on health sector during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the health sector has largely been commercialized in the country; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) As per the National Health Accounts India 2004-05 (with provisional estimates from 2005-06 to 2008-09), health spending by Government and private sectors in the country for the last 3 years is estimated as follows :

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Public expenditure | Private expenditure |
|---|---|---|
| 2006-07 | 40678.86 | 127840.57 |
| 2007-08 | 48685.21 | 142690.24 |
| 2008-09 | 58681.38 | 157393.54 |

Information on expenditure for the current year is not available relatively low public spending on health has led to the emergence of a large private sector. This contributes towards commercialization of the health sector.

Government plans to increase the public spending on health. The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) aims to raise public health spending to at least 2% of the GDP during the Plan Period.

To support the public health system in the States, Government of India had launched the National Rural Health Mission in 2005 and this has an outlay of Rs.90,558 crore during the 11th Plan period. The Mission aims to provide quality health services, which are accessible, affordable and accountable. It also strengthens the primary health care and aims of reducing the out of pocket expenditures. The allocation for a number of other programmes has also been enhanced substantially in the first two years of the Plan period.

**Swine Flu cases in Maharashtra**

1300. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is a sharp rise in number of cases of Swine Flu in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that only few government hospitals are equipped to treat the patients;

(d) if so, whether he would direct the private hospitals to attend to Swine Flu cases, without charges; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes. The community spread of pandemic influenza A H1N1 (swine flu), first noticed in Maharashtra in first week of August, 2009 reached peak in third week of August and started declining after first week of September 2009. Details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) No.

(d) and (e) As per the Government of India guidelines all States, have identified adequate number of Government hospitals treat patients of swine flu.

Treatment of influenza requires isolation facilities. Hospitals in private sector conforming to the guidelines were allowed to admit and treat swine flue cases. Wherever necessary, the existing legal provisions were used to enlist them.

It is not possible to direct private hospitals to treat swine flu patients free of cost. However, those identified private hospitals provided with testing facility by Government laboratory and given Oaseltamivir (the drug to treat swine flu) from Government stock passed on these benefits to the patients.

***Statement***

*Details of the cases of swine flu in Maharashtra*

| S.No. | Week | No. of laboratory confirmed cases |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 17-23 August 09 | 598 |
| 2. | 24-30 August 09 | 262 |
| 3. | 31 August -6 September 2009 | 441 |
| 4. | 7-13 September 2009 | 250 |
| 5. | 14-20 September 2009 | 405 |
| 6. | 21-27 September 2009 | 349 |
| 7. | 28 September - 4 October 09 | 393 |
| 8. | 5-11 October 09 | 288 |
| 9. | 12-18 October 09 | 191 |
| 10. | 19-25 October 09 | 120 |

**Measures to control population growth**

†1301. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the concrete steps being taken by Government to control the growing population;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.